

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached "Replacement Sheets" of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 2. The attached "Replacement Sheets," which include Figures 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including Figures 1 and 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

## REMARKS

Claims 2-6 and 8-18 are now pending in the application. Claims 13-18 have been added as new and are supported by the specification as originally filed, and therefore do not constitute new matter. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

## DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicants have attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval. In the "Replacement Sheets" Figure 2 has been changed to Figure 2A and Figure 2B has been added. The amendments to the drawings are supported by the specification as originally filed and therefore do not constitute new matter. Figures 1, 2A and 2B have been amended to include reference signs for 22' and 32' as mentioned in the description of the present application.

Applicants believe that the drawings currently presented comply with the Examiner's objections. As such, Applicants respectfully request the removal of the objections related to the drawings.

## SPECIFICATION

The cover sheet of the Office Action indicates an objection to the specification. However, there is no objection to the specification contained on the body of the action. As such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection.

Applicants have amended the specification due to drawing modifications noted above. Figure 2 has been changed to Figure 2A in the specification and reference to Figure 2B has been added to the specification.

**REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lesher (U.S. Pat. No. 4,604,933, hereinafter “Lesher”) in view of Kullmann et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,425,296, hereinafter “Kullmann”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 4 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lesher in view of Kullmann, in further view of Morris et al. (U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0194974, hereinafter “Morris”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At the outset, Applicants note that independent claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled. Claims 2-6 depend from new claim 13 and claims 8-12 depend from new claim 14. Claims 2-6 and 8-12 should be in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth below regarding claims 13 and 14.

**NEW CLAIMS**

Claims 13-18 have been added as new. Applicants note that the references cited in the present action, as well as those cited in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement have been considered when drafting these new claims.

### Claim 13

At the outset, Applicants note that claim 13 recites the structure of the inserts as "each including first and second sides facing in generally opposite directions from one another" and having the "cutting edge extending from said first side to said second side." The portion of the insert in Lesher that the Examiner considers the cutting edge is primary cutting edge (25) and secondary cutting edge (26). The primary cutting edge (25) in Lesher has secondary cutting edges (26) disposed on both sides thereof. These secondary cutting edges (26) extend from the side surfaces (22) of the inserts (8) and are not generally parallel to the axis of rotation of the blade. Claim 13 of the present invention specifically requires "said cutting edge including a first edge surface generally parallel to an axis of rotation of the annular body and extending to a first end of said cutting edge and terminating at said first side." In Lesher, neither of the cutting edges (26) extending from the side surfaces are generally parallel to an axis of rotation of the blade. As such, claim 13 should now be in condition for allowance.

### Claim 14

Claim 14 includes a "cutting edge defined by a first edge surface extending generally perpendicular from and terminating at said first side of said body." As previously mentioned above, Lesher fails to show a cutting edge extending generally perpendicular from a side (22) of the insert (18). Lesher includes secondary cutting edges (26) extending from sides (22) of the insert (18) to both ends of the primary cutting edge (25) and at an angle relative to the primary cutting edge (25). The primary cutting edge (25) may be generally perpendicular to the side (22), but it does not extend from and terminate at the side (22) of the insert (18). Rather, the primary cutting edge

(25) extends from the secondary cutting edge (26). As such, Applicants believe that claim 14 is in condition for allowance.

Applicants note that claims 2-6 depend from claim 13 and claims 8-12 depend from claim 14. As such, these claims should be in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth above regarding claims 13 and 14. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-12 and allowance of claims 13-18.

#### CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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